

# U.S. Navy Mine Countermeasures

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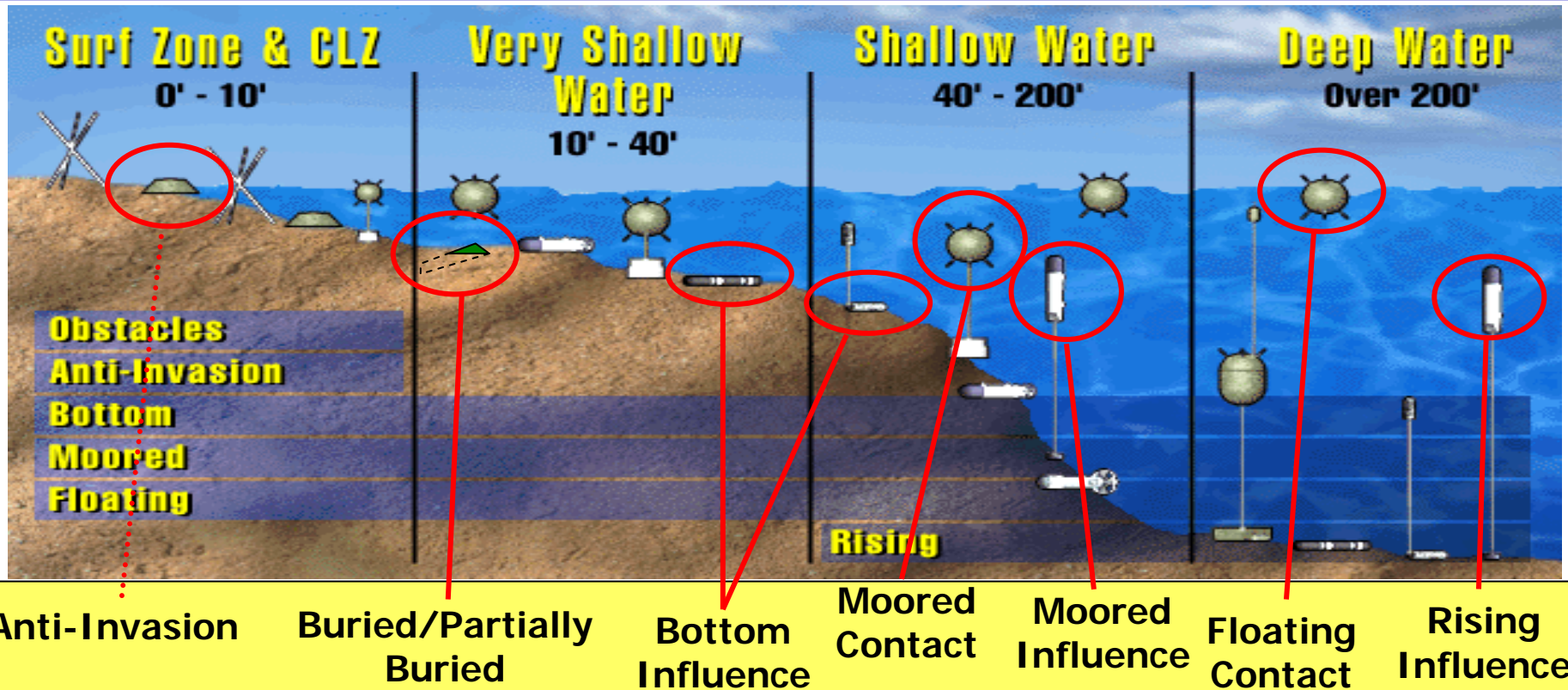
# Agenda



- **Mine Threat**
- **The Transition Challenge**
- **MCM Mission Package Program Overview**
- **OMCM Challenges**
- **Summary**



# The Threat Across the Littorals

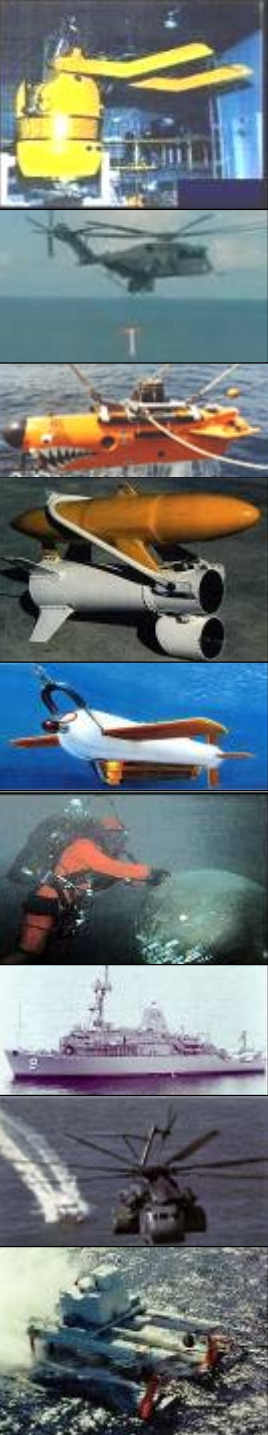


- The real goal of a minefield is Sea Denial, NOT the damage or destruction of a specific ship.
- Navy goal is Assured Access to defeat the minefield, NOT counter every mine.

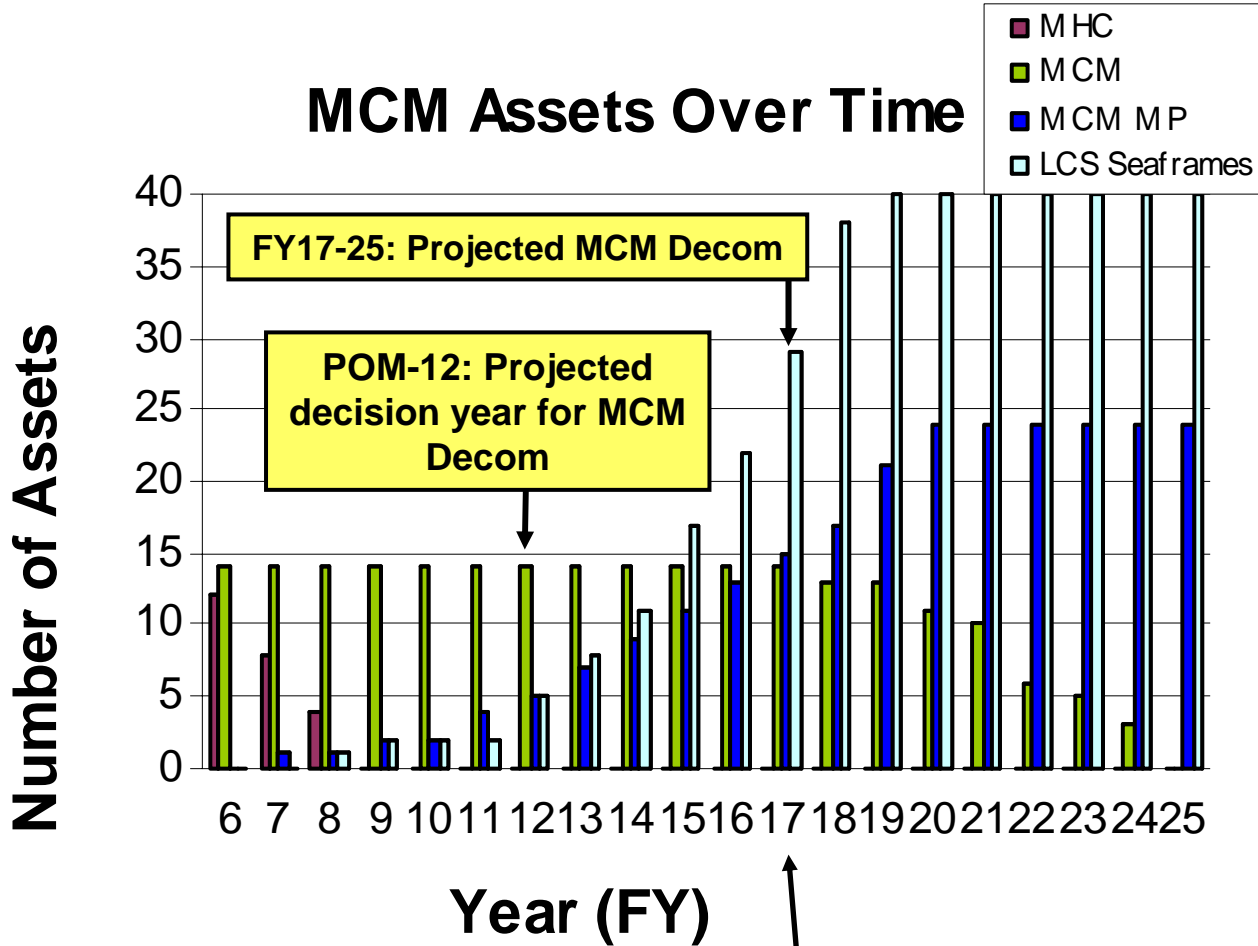
- Over 300 Mine Types
- Over 50 Countries Possess
- Low Cost
- Simple to Deploy



# The Organic Transition Challenge



## MCM Assets Over Time



**FY17-25: Projected MH-53E Sundown**



# Coverage Complete

Minefield Detection and Neutralization



Assault Breaching System



EOD Mobile Unit ONE

Laser (Hunt)



Airborne Laser Mine Detection System

Super-cavitating Projectiles (Kill)



Rapid Airborne Mine Clearance System

Surf Zone & CLZ  
0' - 10'

Very Shallow Water  
10' - 40'

Shallow Water  
40' - 200'

Deep Water  
Over 200'

Obstacles  
Anti-Invasion  
Bottom  
Moored  
Floating

Buried Mine - Promising Potential with Low Frequency Broad Band

Surface Mine Countermeasures  
Unmanned Underwater Vehicle  
and Low Frequency Broadband



Buried Mine Detection

Remote Minehunting System & MH-60S  
AN/AQS20A



Sonar (Hunt)

Airborne Mine Neutralization System



Propelled explosive charges (Kill)

Unmanned Surface Vehicle / Organic Airborne and Surface Influence Sweep



Magnetic Acoustic Influence Sweep

Rising



# Shallow Water to Beach Zone



## Assault Breaching System



JDAM & CMS



COBRA

## EOD Mobile Unit One

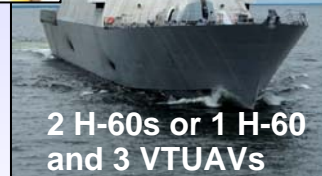


EOD Mobile Unit (One)

## LCS MCM Mission Package



LCS (LM)  
13 ft Draft



2 H-60s or 1 H-60  
and 3 VTUAVs



RAMICS



ALMDS

US3



RMS

UUV LFBB



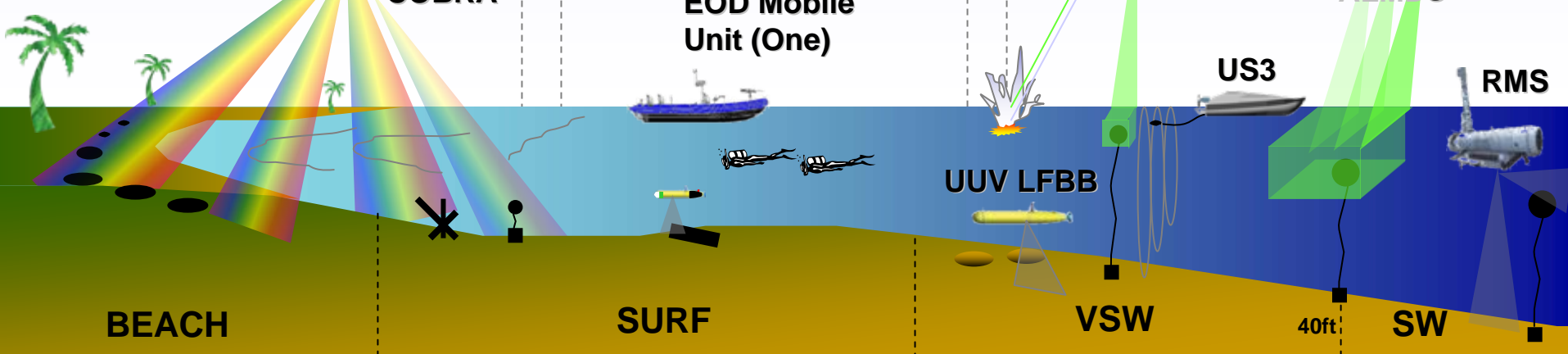
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40ft

SW

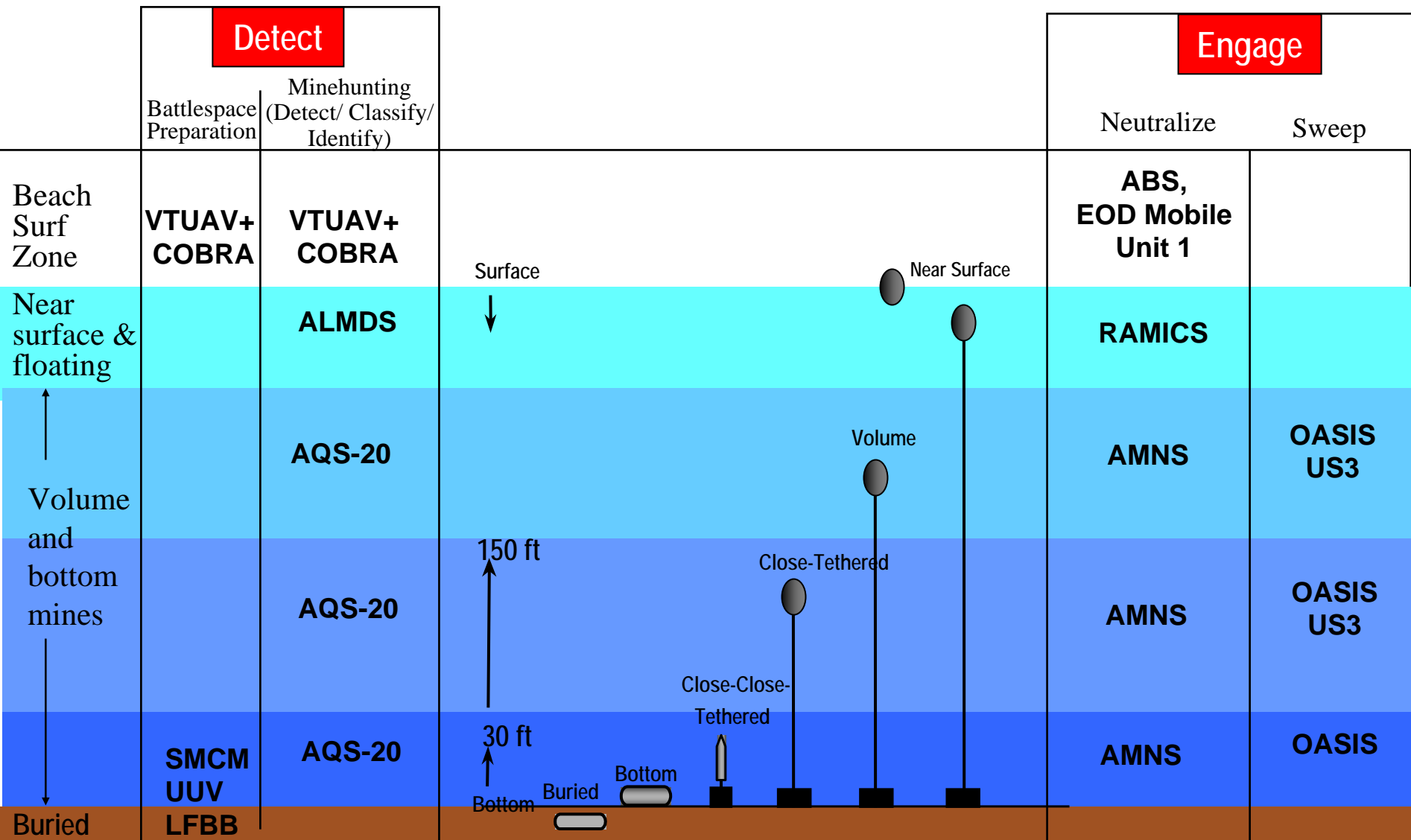
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SURF





# LCS MIW Mission Package: System Coverage











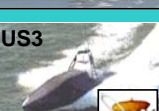
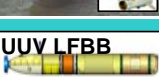
\* NOTE : Depth Coverages Vary with System and Mine Type

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# MCM Package Sensor Status



MCM Package Program	ACAT	Programmatics	Testing	Contractor	IOC
 RMS	1C	In Low Rate Initial Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ TECHEVAL completed on DDG-96 Mar 07</li> <li>• Op Assess on USS BAINBRIDGE 14 Sep 08</li> </ul>	Lockheed Martin	2009
 AQS-20A	2	In Low Rate Initial Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ TECHEVAL on MH-60S completed</li> <li>• OPEVAL w/ MH-60S Aug 09 – Oct 09</li> </ul>	Raytheon	2010
 AMNS	2	In Low Rate Initial Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ MS C Approval Jan 08</li> <li>• DT Live Fire Ground Testing Jul 09</li> </ul>	Raytheon	2010
 ALMDS	2	In Low Rate Initial Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Commenced WSIT CT on MH-60S Apr 08</li> <li>• Commence TECHEVAL 2nd Qtr FY09</li> </ul>	Northrop Grumman	2010
 OASIS	2	Milestone C: 3QFY10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Re-design PDR 12 Jun 08</li> <li>• MH-53E OA Sep 09</li> </ul>	ITT Corp	2011
 RAMICS	2	Milestone C: 4QFY10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MH-60S Captive Carriage &amp; Jettison OCT 08</li> <li>• Lake Glendora II Ground Testing Oct-Dec 08</li> </ul>	Northrop Grumman	2011
 COBRA	3	Milestone C: Jan 09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Started Performance Validation (MH-53E)</li> <li>• Integration flight tests on VTUAV Oct 09</li> </ul>	Northrop Grumman	2010
 CMS	3	Milestone C: FY14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ SD&amp;D Contract awarded 24 Jul 08</li> <li>• System Requirements Review 1st Qtr FY09</li> </ul>	Boeing	2015
 US3	3	Milestone C: 4QFY10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sweep Gear integration test on USV Jul 08</li> <li>• End to End US3/USV/MP test Oct 08</li> </ul>	TBD	2014
 UUV LFBB	TBD	Milestone B: 2QFY09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDD in Navy Staffing</li> </ul>	TBD	2015



# MCM Mission Package Evolution



## MCM MM Delivery

MCM MP 1  
Spiral Alpha  
Modules

USV w/USSS (x1) (EDM)  
RMMV (x1) (EDM)  
AMNS (x1) (EDM)  
ALMDS (x1) (LRIP)  
AN/AQS-20A (x2) (LRIP)  
UUV (x2) (EDM)  
Support Equipment

FY07  
Delivered

MCM MP 2  
Spiral Alpha  
Modules

USV w/USSS (x1) (EDM)  
RMMV (x2) (LRIP)  
AMNS (x1) (LRIP)  
ALMDS (x1) (LRIP)  
AN/AQS-20A (x3) (LRIP)  
Support Equipment

FY09

MCM MP 3-4  
Spiral Alpha  
Modules

USV w/USSS (x1) (LRIP)  
RMMV (x2) (Production)  
OASIS (x1) (LRIP)  
AMNS (x1) (LRIP)  
ALMDS (x1) (LRIP)  
AN/AQS-20A (x3) (Production)  
COBRA (x1) (LRIP)  
Support Equipment

FY11

MCM MP 5  
Alpha Module  
Baseline

USV w/USSS (x1) (LRIP)  
RMMV (x2) (Production)  
OASIS (x1) (Production)  
AMNS (x1) (Production)  
ALMDS (x1) (Production)  
AN/AQS-20A (x3) (Production)  
COBRA (x1) (Production)  
RAMICS (x1) (LRIP)  
Support Equipment

FY12

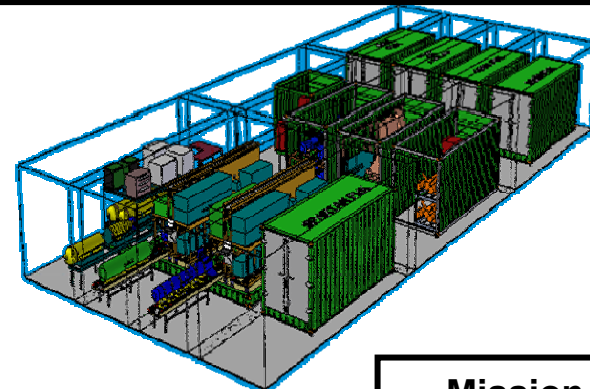
MP X  
Spiral Bravo  
Modules

Systems x,y,z  
Support Equipment

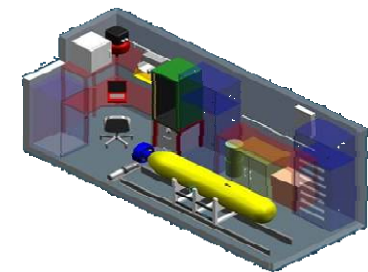
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## Mission Package



## Mission Module



Legend

Systems Added/Matured  
Delivered

# OMCM Challenges

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Our most mature programs face many challenges (RMS, AQS-20A & ALMDS in or near Operational testing)

- **Sensor False Alarms**

- SONAR – (HFWB, LFBB)
- LIDAR – (ALMDS, RAMICS, COBRA)
  - New Data type; New viewers; Learning curve
  - High False Alarms mean longer PMA & higher False classification by PMA Operator
- CAD/CAC – improvements needed
  - Real time algorithms in Common Console?
  - Post mission via OPMA?

- **Reliability (Ao, MTBOMF)**

- Sensor Reliability needs to meet ORD or CPD
- Support Equipment Reliability (CSTRS, Common Tow Cable) needs improvement

- **WorkLoad / Crew Limitations**

- Streaming and Recovery of towed systems (high workload)
- PMA takes long time (Fatigue adds to problem)
- Learning Curve with new data types



# Summary

- **The Mine threat is real and not getting easier**
- **The transition to Organic MCM will have its challenges; therefore, the Navy needs Industry's help in meeting Organic IOC and preservation of current forces**
  - ✓ **MCM upgrades**
  - ✓ **MH-53 Flex**
- **MCM Mission Package program making progress**
- **We must make smart investments to reduce false alarms as they drive the Detect to Neutralize timeline**

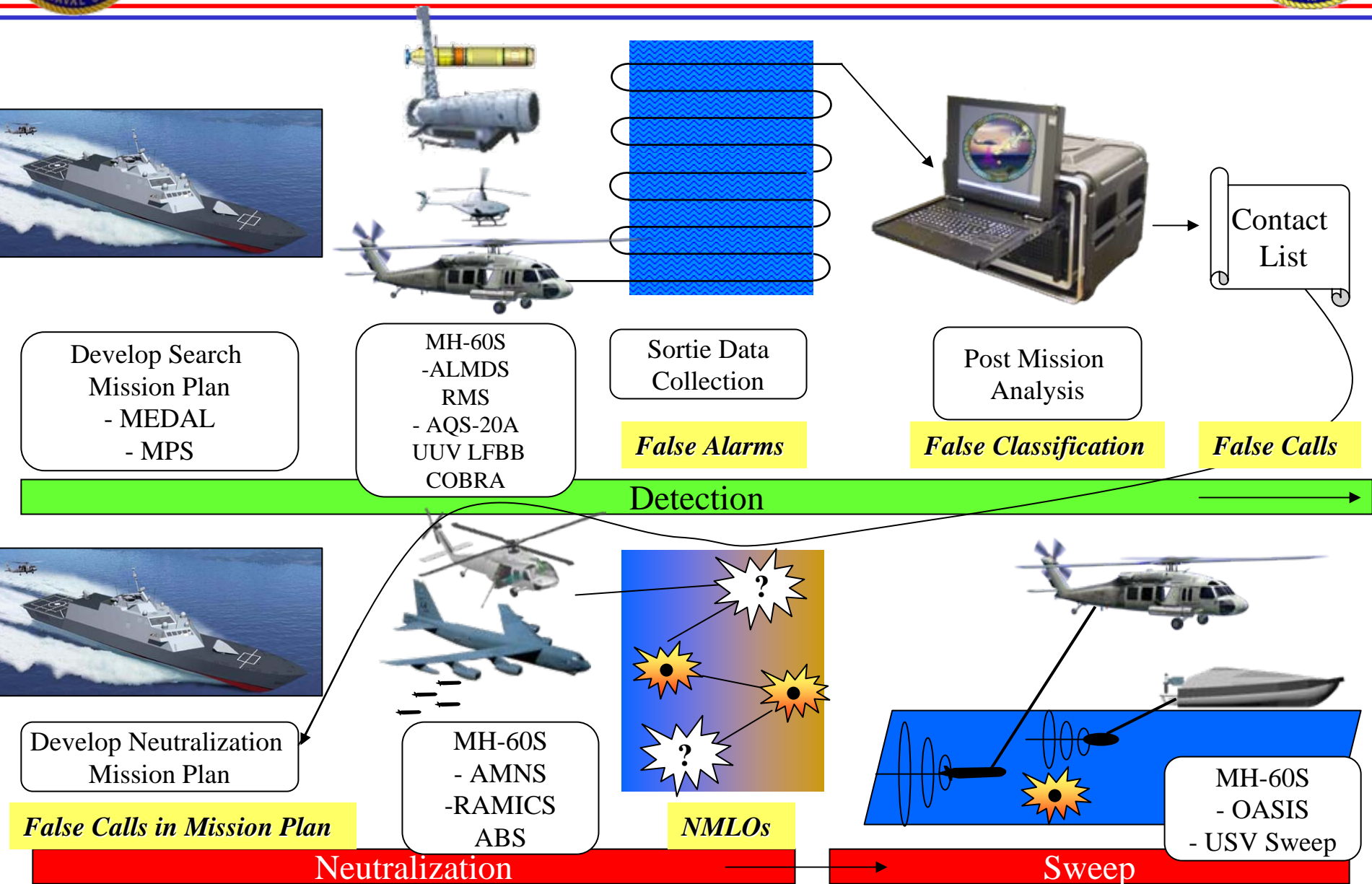




**BackUp**



# False Alarms Lengthen Kill Chain

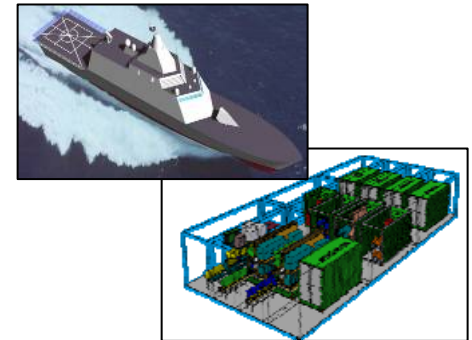
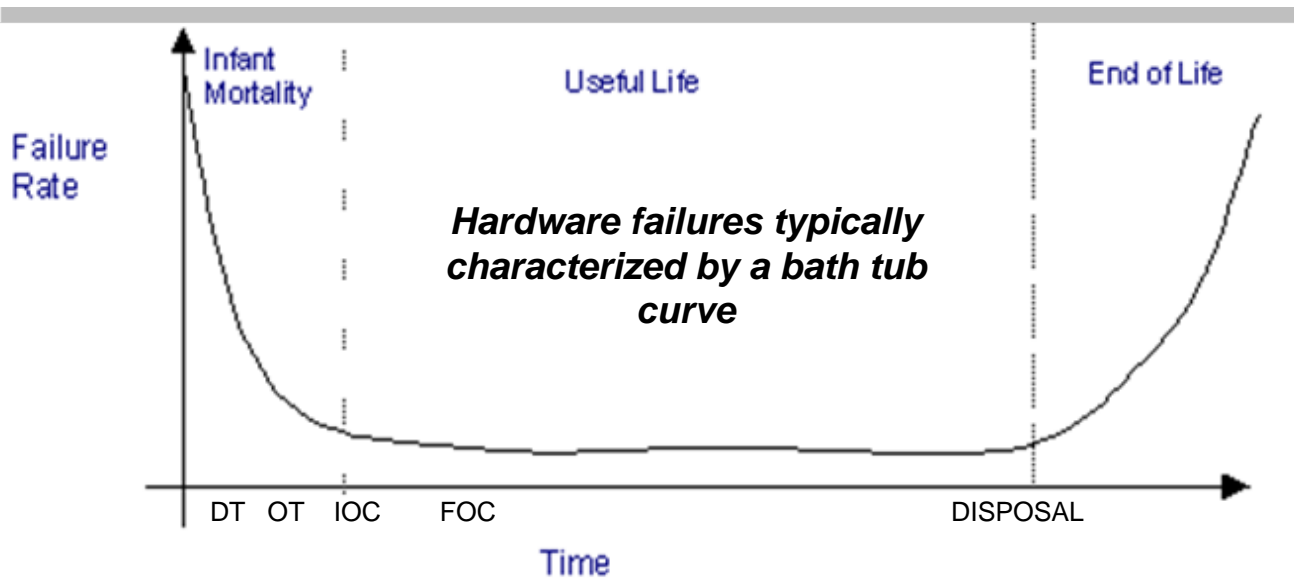


# Reliability

$$Ao = \frac{Uptime}{Uptime + Downtime} = \frac{MTBF}{MTBF + (MTTR + MLDT)}$$

**Mean Time to Repair & Mean Logistics Delay Time:**

Number of systems on LCS and O to D level maintenance philosophy



## MCM Mission Package

2 RMMV	1 AMNS
3 AQS-20A	1 US3
1 ALMDS	1 COBRA
1 OASIS	1 VTUAV
1 RAMICS	1 MH-60S

All MCO timelines are driven by required MTBF, so we must improve upon reliability to meet the requirements and increase useful life!